

## ***February PTO Newsletter***

Greetings from beneath all of the snow! We hope everyone is enjoying all of the snow and the snow days!!

Your PTO has been very busy. We are ALL looking forward to our Springtime Activities. Right about now the Spring Social and Field Day would be welcome events! Both of these committees are well underway in their planning stages and are working hard. The Spring Social Committee has already planned and booked their DJ. This social event will take place on April 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be a great time. If you have never been, we encourage you to attend. If you would like to volunteer to help with either of these events, please contact one of us and we will get you in touch with this great group of ladies.

Soon, you will be getting information on the Scholastic Book Fair. The children will have an opportunity view the books they might like before a purchase early in the week and they will be able to purchase them later in the week. This event is also paired with the perennial favorite – The Ice Cream Social. You won't want to miss that event. We will also be welcoming author Greg Tang to our school. One of the books he has written, Grapes of Math can be found in some of our classrooms. Over the years the PTO has brought many great authors to the school for the children to meet. Perhaps one day the PTO will be bringing back a former student as an acclaimed author!!

Our chess club is well on its way to producing many a chess masters!!! We are currently looking for more parent volunteers to run some after school activities. We are still hoping to set up a knitting club, but we remain in need of a knitting teacher and a parent to help. If any one is interested in this please feel free to contact us and we will get it up and running. It is our hope to get up an running a well organized After School Activity Program. (If any of you are familiar with the Middle School programs, we would like to do something like that on a smaller scale). We are looking for scrap bookers, painters, beaders or even a book club perhaps for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with the great kids at Paton School. We can only do this with the help of our parents out there. So please, let us know if you might be able to help us get this program off its feet.

Soon, you will see a notice going home about a Snack Table. This event will take place once a month on a Friday. It will consist of children being able to bring money to school to purchase a snack at recess. The snacks will be \$.50 and there will be a limit of 2 snacks

per student. The snacks will be pre-checked with our nurse to ensure the safety of the children with allergies. We are looking for the first one to be held on Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow. This is not a fundraising event but just a fun, special event for the children.

We would like to sincerely thank every parent that attends our monthly meetings. It has been a record year for PTO attendance and each and every one of you are helping us keep Paton the great place that it is. Without you, these events would not be possible. Thank you very much.

And if you have not yet attended a meeting, please feel free to join us at our monthly PTO meetings. We think you will find them fun and informative – just ask someone who attends. You don't have to commit yourself to running a committee or even being on one. Just come and meet other Paton School parents and find out what is going on at your child's school. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have babysitting. We promise! See you there.

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